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SUBJECT: NOMINATION OF IV RAYMOND, ROCK

PART I.

1. RAYMOND, ROCK
2. PRESENT: DEAN (PRESIDENT), CIVIL COURT OF PORT-AU-PRINCE
PAST: CAREER JUDGE; POLICE AND CIVIL COURTS
3. BORN IN PORT AU PRINCE AROUND 1916; HAITIAN CITIZEN
4. HAS TRAVELD TO U.S. AS TOURIST
5. NONE
6. ESCORT INTERPRETER REQUIRED
7. OK
8. MR RAYMOND BEGAN HIS CAREER AS COURT MAGISTRATE
WHEN HE WAS A YOUNG LAWYER, GOING THROUGH VARIOUS
POSITIONS INCLUDING POLICE-COURT MAGISTRATE,
EXAMINING MAGISTRATE, MAGISTRATE OF THE CIVIL
COURT, UNTIL HIS PRESENT POSITION OF DEAN
(PRESIDENT) OF THE PORT AU PRINCE CIVIL COURT.
IN THAT CAPACITY, HE PRESIDED OVER THE RECENT
AND IMPORTANT STAMPS TRIAL, AND RECEIVED HIGH
PRAISE FOR HIS HANDLING OF THIS CASE WHERE HUMAN
RIGHTS WERE AT STAKE, AND FOR THE WORDING OF HIS
DECISION. HE IS IN A POSITION TO FURTHER HELP
IN THE IMPROVEMENT OF DUE JUDICIAL PROCESS IN HAITI
9. A. INTRODUCE THE VISITOR TO ALL LEVELS OF
AMERICAN SYSTEM OF JUSTICE EMPHASIZING CASES OF
CIVIL RIGHTS AND COMMON LAW
B. PLACE HIM IN CONTACT WITH JUDGES AT ALL
LEVELS FOR EXCHANGE OF VIEWS. PROVIDE AN

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OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND SESSIONS WHERE CASES ARE

BEING ARGUED

C. VISIT STATE, FEDERAL COURTS AND THE
SUPREME COURT, AND UNIVERSITIES WITH STRONG LAW
DEPARTMENTS

D. INTRODUCE HIM TO VARIOUS ASPECTS OF LIFE
IN MINORITY GHETTOS WITH EMPHASIS ON COURT PROCEDURES.

E. VISIT FRENCH AND CREOLE SPEAKING GROUPS
IN LOUISIANA. EXPLORE INFLUENCE OF NAPOLEONIC
CODE ON LOUISIANA STATE LEGISLATION.

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